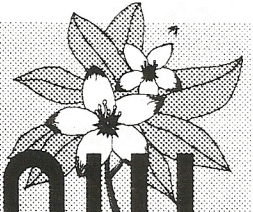




# Forest Lake

A bi-monthly newsletter for residents of Forest Lake

# Review



## From The Chairman

# Spring is Coming!

And with the warmer weather we all be moving to outdoor activities once again. A little yard work, a little paint, a little more yard work, a little more paint... well, you get the picture. As we begin recruiting for our Spring clean-up in May, we need to look at our own yards as well.

As I drive through the community, I can't help but notice a few rather remarkable domiciles that seem to be inhabited but I'm not always sure. Everything from abandoned cars to piles of junk and debris are present. These homes have a direct impact on all of us here in the community.

Perhaps the owners can't get out to clean things up themselves and are embarrassed to ask anyone for their assistance. Maybe a knock on the door with an offer may be well received. Remember, we all live here together.

### A Couple of Bits and Pieces.

Many residents just north of South road have contacted me with regard to the abundance of speeding vehicles running north and south into the newer section south of South Road. (I dare you to say that three times real fast!) Joe Martinez has been kind enough to install both stop signs and speed limit signs in these areas but a few particular folks seem to think they own the road. Lets hope they wise up before some child playing by the park becomes a statistic.

A letter poured in from our compatriots over at Sylvan Lake. It seems that our benevolent leaders at the state level have once again acted on a whim. As of January 1, 1997 The Illinois Department of Public Health

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## Big Game Hunt

Only if we use ostrich eggs. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Tooth Decay Day will take place on Saturday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m. outside the Community Center. If the weather is too inclement, the date will be March 29. There are no reservations needed, simply show up and register. If you're not too fuzzy-headed after a Friday evening with your co-workers or you want to get away from the Saturday morning cartoons, please show up an hour earlier to lend a hand with the set-up tasks. If prior years are anything to go by, don't let your kids miss this event, they thoroughly enjoy the Egg Hunt for BOTH of the minutes it lasts.



## Spring Will Have Sprung...

...and you may have missed the fun of cleaning your parks if you don't drag your butt out of bed on May 17. Call Kelly Fremet at 540-5643 and volunteer for the Spring Clean-Up.

### From the Chairman *continued*—

will now require we provide the following at each of our swimming beaches:

1. Restrooms (A.K.A. Port-a-Potties)
2. Complete First-Aid Kits
3. A Life Buoy with 25' of rope
4. A phone
5. A sign instructing folks with diaper-clad babies to employ rubber pants before entering the water

I wonder who's going to pay for this one? Illinois State Representative Cal Skinner, Jr. would love to hear opinions on this as he is vehemently opposed to such unfunded state mandates. His address is

The Honorable Cal Skinner, Jr.  
7103 Manor Road, Suite 1  
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014  
Phone 815-477-0066  
FAX 815-477-0098

Another letter that poured in was with regard to the "Gravel" that the township spreads on our roads in the Winter and the danger it poses to the general population. In response, the mixture of coarse sand and salt that is used is applied to all rural roads where pure salt runoff would flow directly into people's yards and waterways. Needless to say, salt would cause all kinds of problems as we do not have a curb and gutter system to whisk these pollutants away—probably into someone else's community. As to the public safety when the snows subside, maybe we should all get a broom out?

The sun will again shine on Forest Lake.

Steve



## Editorials

This forum is open to ALL FLCA members and all are encouraged to take advantage—regardless of content. Send letters to: **Forest Lake Community Association**, Editor, P.O. Box 314, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

To the Forest Lake Community Association,

We are writing this letter to request that the Forest Lake Community Association send legal documentation which requires all homeowners in Forest Lake to pay annual dues. At this point in time, we do not wish to pay for facilities which we do not utilize.

If a legal document cannot be provided to us, we would appreciate if no further invoices are mailed to our address. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Simone and Michael Hiller,  
West Harbor Lane

*Legal documentation? Legal documentation? We don't need no stinking legal documentation. This is a community by the true sense of Webster's definition. We VOLUNTARILY gainer the funds each and every year to see that all of our common areas are maintained to the level our funds allow. Sometimes we even make improvements to these areas with not only the monies contributed but the brow-sweat of scores of volunteers. It seems extremely short sighted on your part to think for even a minute that you don't need to help pay for "facilities that you don't even utilize." You must realize that your property value would plummet should our lake scum over and our parks become overgrown with weeds. Maybe you should send a note off to the I.R.S. telling them you don't want to ante up your total tax bill this year because you never intend to drive on any roads in Idaho?*

*As Just Another Dues Paying Resident,*

*Steve Norman*

# America's Passed Time

The board was presented with a proposal from the Lake Zurich Youth Baseball Association at the December, 1996 meeting regarding the possibility of using our park for the Tyro league. Apparently the Association was approached by one or more residents of Forest Lake as contribution of a the field would have resulted in a registration fee discount for the FLCA youth. Unfortunately, it would have meant giving up our park for seven days a week from April 26 through July 4 (not including pre-season practices), which would have denied the facility to Community Center renters and the community at-large.

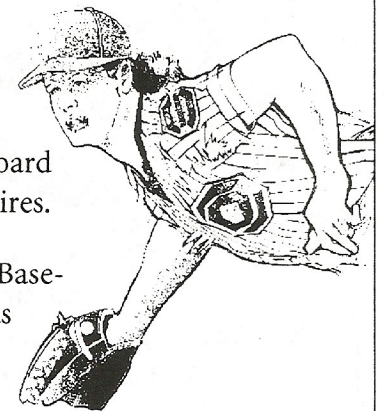
Further, benches and possibly fencing would have had to have been installed to qualify. After repeated phone calls to Mike Feuerbacher, Association President, by two board members to resolve unanswered questions , the board had no choice but to vote down the proposal. Additionally, there was no money in the budget for additional ball park improvements as NO interested parents cared

enough to attend any board meetings to voice their desires.

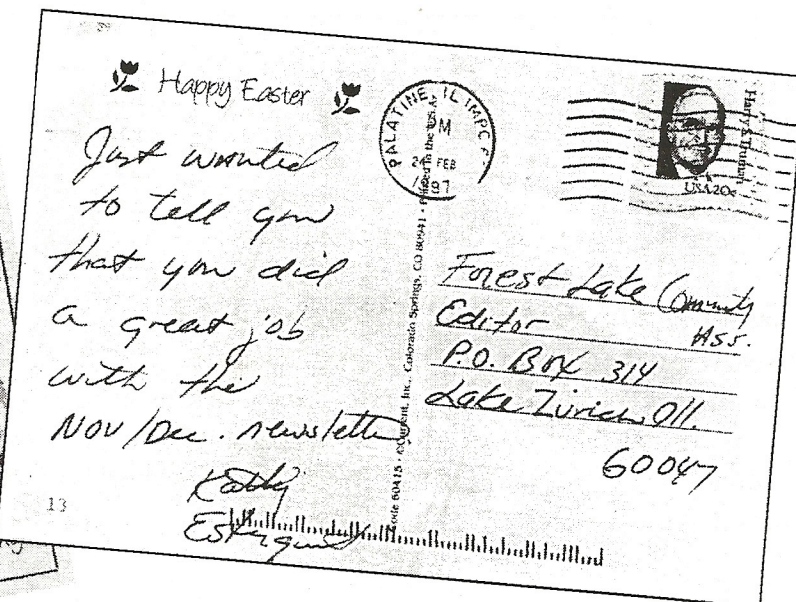
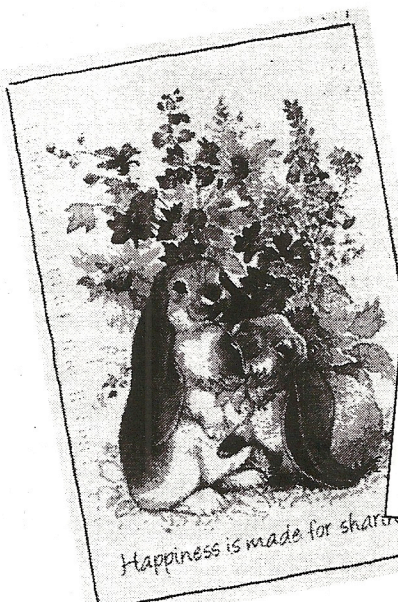
Please keep in mind, as Baseball Association sign-up was to end January 18, there was little time to prepare.

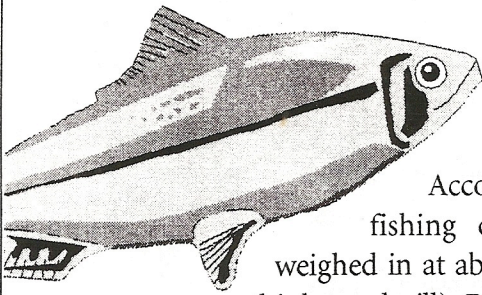
Further, before pointing to other communities, remember they have more than one diamond and are not denying usage to their entire populations in order that a handful of parents can save a couple of dollars.

Perhaps for next year, concerned citizenry could take the time to organize the effort AND volunteer the time to make the necessary improvements. So please stop complaining to Laura (the Commissioner) Tegtmeier as she urged interested parents to attend Board meetings in support of this issue. Only YOUR commitment can get these things done. Note: the diamond is still used by the teams for practice, as was true in the past.



## Someone Does Enjoy Our Newsletter!





## Fisch Schtick

According to participants, this year's fishing derby kicked bass. One of which weighed in at about six and one half pounds (time to think treadmill). Barry Leikam swept the awards (again) this year. Apparently living in a hut on a frozen lake DOES have its rewards. A great many sport-fisher-persons (dare a big-mouthed bass to say that three times, quickly) turned out for a good time, even if the closest they got to any fish was the frozen foods section at the grocery.

## Future Fish Fables

Jim (Ya' Shoul'da' Seen the One That Got Away!) Tegtmeier is considering organizing a Spring Fling Fishing Derby (plural: Derbi) on a Sunday morning (probably to start at yecchhh - 5:00 a.m.) in May. It would have a per-boat fee (possibly \$10.00) and a per-person shore fee for those who are armada-impaired (or flotilla-challenged). If anyone is interested call Jim at 438-3688 and voice your approval. Participant response to this article will determine whether or not Jim makes the effort.

"As always, at any F.L.C.A. function if you, or anyone you know, have ever known, or ever will know, is a careless coffee-drinker, your participation is at your own risk." (Reprinted with permission from the textbook "You, Coffee, and the Law - 101" of the Juan Valdez Columbian School of Law, Burro Boarding, and Car Wash.)

## Nasty Newsletter

Still no takers after last issue's "put up or shut up" blurb(s) about the "tone" of our little publication. However, a resident of Hawthorne Woods (who shall remain nameless as he enjoys living in the area) took the initiative to call and say he gets this litter box liner from his sister-in-law who lives Forest Lake (pause to look around) and that he enjoys reading this publication a great deal. Which just goes to show: as long as people in Hawthorne Woods read this they'll NEVER annex Forest Lake.



## Everyone Else Does It...

...so we will, too. Post "No Responsibility" signs at all parks/beaches, that is. We don't want to be sued by clumsy Columbian coffee lords sledding on our hills or skating on our lake so we'll erect "At Own Risk" signs as have other communities (by sticking the pointing end in the ground).

### Wanted:

12 Ft. Jon, or shallow V-Hull row boat.

Please call 550-8423 and ask for Pat or Nancy

## There is NO Little Litter

Please don't indiscriminately toss garbage and cigarette butts on the ice.

The Spring thaw makes that garbage

live IN the lake and we just went through a major fun time with the dredging, so PLEASE don't make matters worse. (At least take filters—as they are non-biodegradable—with the garbage to a receptacle.)



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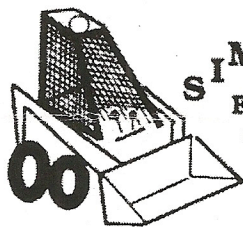
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Jeff Sirt	726-2107	Community Center Rentals
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**1997 Upcoming F.L.C.A. Events**

- Easter Egg Hunt .....3/22/97  
(rain date 3/29/97)
- Spring Clean Up ..... 5/17/97
- Halloween Parade . . . . . 10/26/97
- Holiday Extravaganza . . 12/06/97
- Breakfast With Santa . . . 12/13/97

**Upcoming Community Center rentals:**  
Sunday, April 6.

**Next FLCA Board meeting:**  
April 8, 1997 at 8:00 in the Community  
Center. All concerned (and unconcerned)  
residents are encouraged to attend.